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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI JUNE AND AUGUST 1968

SUBJECT 1. SIGHTING OF THREE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR
IN PHUOC LONG DISTRICT, BAC LIEU PROVINCE
2. MOVEMENT OF THREE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR
THROUGH PHUOC LONG DISTRICT, BAC LIEU PROVINCE

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1. IN JUNE 1968 AT ABOUT 2000 HOURS, THREE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) WERE BEING HELD IN A HOUSE IN BINH TOT HAMLET, PHU VILLAGE, PHUOC LONG DISTRICT, BAC LIEU PROVINCE. THE PRISONERS WERE OBSERVED FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT FIVE METERS FOR ABOUT THREE MINUTES. THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE HOUSE FROM THANH TRI DISTRICT, BA XUYEN PROVINCE.

2. THE THREE MEN WERE SEATED INSIDE A SMALL HOUSE WITH ONE LAMP FOR ILLUMINATION. ONE WAS A MALE CAUCASIAN ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD; THE OTHER TWO WERE MALE NEGROES OF UNKNOWN AGE. ALL THREE WORE GREEN FATIGUE TROUSERS AND SHIRTS. NONE HAD A HAT, GLASSES OR SHOES. NONE OF THEM APPEARED TO BE WOUNDED. FIELD COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THERE WERE FOUR FIVE GUARDS PRESENT IN THE HOUSE, ARMED WITH SKS AND U.S. CARBINES. THE GUARDS SPOKE WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE ACCENTS.

3. AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS IN AUGUST 1968 THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE SEEN BEING TRANSPORTED BY SAMPAN ON THE THAY

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CAI CANAL (WR535290) IN PHUOC LONG DISTRICT, BAC LIEU PROVINCE. THEY WERE MOVING IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION TOWARD AN XUYEN PROVINCE AND WERE OBSERVED FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT THREE METERS FOR ABOUT TWO MINUTES. ALL THREE WERE MALE CAUCASIANS. THEY WERE DRESSED IN GREEN FATIGUE PANTS AND LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS. NONE HAD A HAT OR GLASSES, AND NONE APPEARED TO BE WOUNDED. NO WATCHES, RINGS, SCARS OR TATTOOS WERE NOTICED, AND ALL NAME TAGS AND INSIGNIA HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE UNIFORMS. THE MEN WERE NOT BOUND OR BLINDFOLDED.

4. THE FIRST PRISONER WAS OF MEDIUM BUILD, ABOUT 160 POUNDS, ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, WITH A LONG FACE AND SHORT BROWN HAIR. THE SECOND MAN WAS OF MEDIUM BUILD, ABOUT 160 POUNDS, ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD, WITH A LONG FACE AND SHORT BROWN HAIR. THE THIRD MAN WAS OF HEAVY BUILD, ABOUT 180 POUNDS, ABOUT FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES TALL, ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, WITH A SQUARE FACE AND SHORT BROWN HAIR.

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MOVED FREQUENTLY AND NO CORRELATION OF THESE REPORTED SIGHTINGS
WITH KNOWN MISSING OR CAPTURED PERSONNEL HAS BEEN MADE.)

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